Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

3032. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the General Body and the Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, duly constituted and notified by Government on 31st March, 1997 for a period of three years was dissolved in 1998;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(c) whether 'Code of Procedure' of the Award contain any provision for dissolution of the jury prematurely;

(d) if so, what are these provisions and the circumstances under which the jury can be dissolved prematurely; and

(e) whether dissolution of the jury has not disrupted the time schedule for finalisation of this prestigious National Award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No Sir. The Government does not constitute and notify these bodies of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) to (e) The question does not specify any awad. In absence of this material information in the question, the question can not be replied.

Schemes for Tribals of Hilly Areas of Assam

3033. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes implemented by Government for the tribals living in the hilly areas of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the details of achievements made in the State;

(c) whether Government have prepared a special package for the tribals in Assam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. (*see* below).

(c) and (d) The Governemnt have given priority for the tribals of the North-Eastern region including Assam and 10% of the total budget allocation was earmarked for the development of the North-Eastern states. However, no special package has been prepard specifically for the tribals of Assam.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Amount released during		
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
		(Rs. in lakhs)		
1.	Grants under first proviso to Article 275(i) of the Constitution (Plan)	315.00	305.00	210.00
2.	Grant of Assam under Second Proviso to Article 275(i) of the Constitution (Non-Plan)	13.33	13.33	13.33
3.	Boys' Hostels for Scheduled Tribes	16.00	16.00	50.00

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Amount released during		
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 (Rs. in lakhs)
4.	Construction of Girls' Hostels for Scheduled Tribes	19.00	16.00	50.00
5.	Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Area	—	—	25.20
6.	Vocation Training Centres in Tribal Areas	82.90	77.15	118.34
7.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes	9.09	7.53	22.73

NB: The schemes mentioned above are being implemented for the welfare of tribals of hilly areas as-well-as plain areas of Assam.

Funds Spent for Welfare Schemes for Weaker Sections in Assam

3034. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds spent on the welfare schemes and programmes for the weaker sections of the society in the State of Assam during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether Government have achieved any target fixed during this period; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A statement giving the amounts released to Assam under various schemes and programmes for the benefit of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and Minorities during the last three years is attached (*see* below)

(c) and (d) By the very nature of the schemes/programmes, targets and achievements regarding beneficiaries scheme-wise/State-wise/year-wise cannot be quantified.

Statement

Funds released to Assam during the last three years scheme-wise, for welfare of SCs, STs, OBCs and Minorities.

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount released during (Rs. in lakhs)		
		1996-97	97-98	98-99
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
I.	**Welfare of Scheduled Castes**			
1.	Special Central Assistance to Special Component plan	163.52	142.18	596.66
2.	Coaching and allied scheme for SC/ST	—	—	—
3.	Book Bank Scheme for SC/ST	—	—	—